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A Call for Global Solidarity on World Food Day 2025

Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future.

"Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." The UN's World Food Day campaign theme spotlighted the critical issue of global hunger on January 30, 2025.

The UN's report outlined the sobering reality of our collective responsibility: In 2023, almost 733 million people faced hunger. And nearly 2.8 billion people could not provide themselves with a healthy diet. These numbers represent the economic condition of our human lives and families and communities who are struggling to manage basic food.

The right to food is emphasized in the UN's call to action as a basic human right that supports opportunity, dignity, and health. However, millions of people are still struggling to achieve their rights due to structural obstacles like poverty, inequality, conflict, and climate change.

The editorial board believes it is totally unacceptable that almost 10% of the total population goes to bed hungry in a time of unparalleled agricultural and modern technological progress. Governments, businesses, and civil society all need to reflect on this paradox and take decisive action. As agents of change for pragmatic steps, the UN's main focus is empowering youth, women, Indigenous Peoples, and smallholder farmers. These groups are both vulnerable and contributors to vital sustainable solutions.

Youth, Women, Indigenous Peoples, and smallholder farmers are on the UN's top priority list right now. The amazing thing is, these groups are both vulnerable and also are the elements of sustainable solutions. For instance, a significant amount of the world's food is produced by smallholder farmers. But yet, they are unable to manage enough land, credit, and sometimes a market too.



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The system of food production and supply management may take a drastic change if they get empowered with enough resources. In the same way, if proper education and opportunities are provided, then women and youth can innovate and take part in community resilience.

But the UN's report shows some harsh truths of the world.

A huge amount of edible food gets wasted every day while millions of people still go to sleep hungry. Poor countries are not getting enough food while rich countries are having more food than they need. Most of the big companies and their trade rules are all about making money rather than sharing a fair amount of food. These problems are created by the choices of powerful people.

The UN is concerned about the matter and is asking world leaders to focus on fixing the unfair system by providing proper fair trade rules and avoiding greedy business policies.

Climate change is making the hunger crisis worse. Climate change and natural disasters are affecting farmers, especially in poor countries, very badly. The UN proposes inventing some technologies or changing the form of farming to survive the changing climate. But the truth is, if only the rich countries could help the poorer countries enough, they would have overcome this problem too.

Since most of the weather pollution is created by wealthier countries, they have the responsibility towards the victim countries. For some people, hunger is a very big issue to solve. But that's not the fact. In previous years, some noble projects like the Green Revolution and local farming groups helped millions to end the hunger crisis. We have resources, we have knowledge—now we just need the political will to end the problem. The UN has targeted 2030 to end the hunger crisis, but we also need to work on it to reach the goal.

Believe it or not, ordinary people are the real game changers. If we buy from local farmers and minimize food waste, then the hunger crisis can also get minimized. Also, we need to ask the government to focus on food security, make companies act more responsibly, and then the country-based hunger problem can decline. But international organizations also have to be more responsible in taking action. World Food Day 2025 is not just a day of promises or lectures or rallies. The right to food is

the foundation of a just society. Let's demand a world where no one is left behind at the table.

